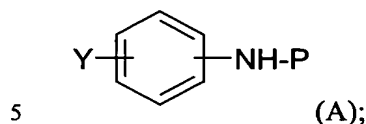


**What is Claimed is:**

1. A process of making a compound of the formula (A):



wherein the formula (A):

P is a nitrogen protecting group chemically suitable for Grignard reagents,

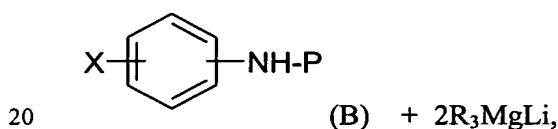
10 Y is defined herein below;

the phenyl ring in (A) is optionally benzo-fused to form naphthyl wherein substituents Y or NH-P can be independently at any position on each of the one or two rings, where the phenyl is not benzo-fused then substitution can be para, meta or ortho;

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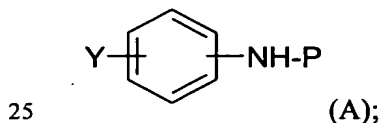
said method comprising, in a one pot reaction:

reacting a compound of the formula (B) with 2 equivalents of  $R_3MgLi$ , wherein R is  $C_{1-5}$  alkyl, in an aprotic solvent at a temperature between  $-40^{\circ}C$  to  $40^{\circ}C$ :



wherein X is bromine or iodine,

subsequently adding an electrophile E as defined herein below,  
to produce a compound of the formula (A)



wherein E and Y have the following corresponding relationship in the table below:

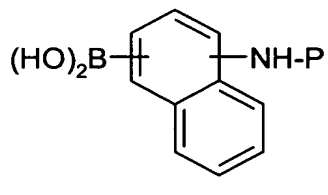
E	Y
$B(O-C_{1-5}alkyl)_3$	$-B(OH)_2$
$R'HC=O$	$-CHR'-OH$
$R'_2C(=O)$	$-CR'_2-OH$
$R'X$	$-R'$
$R'CO_2R'$	$R'C(=O)-$
$R'_3SnX$	$SnR'_3$
$R'_3SiX$	$R'_3Si$
$R'_2(OR')SiX$ or $(R'_2SiO)_3$	$SiR'_2(OR')$

5 wherein R' can be alkyl or aryl, X is halogen and for  $B(O-C_{1-5}alkyl)_3$  the  $C_{1-5}alkyl$ .

2. The process according to claim 1 wherein:

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the formula (A) is



R is n-butyl;

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E is  $B(O-C_{1-4}alkyl)_3$  ;

the temperature is between  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;

the aprotic solvent is chosen from dioxane, diethoxymethane, methylTHF, THF,  
 diisopropylether, hydrocarbons chosen from hexanes, heptane, isooctane, cyclohexane and  
 5 xylenes, Toluene, dichloromethane, DME and MTBE, or mixtures thereof;

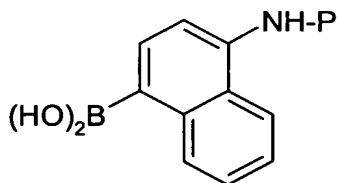
P is chosen from Boc, Cbz,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ,  $-\text{Ac}$ ,  $-\text{Bn}$ ;

and

X is bromine.

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3. The process according to claim 2 wherein:



formula (A) is:

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15 E is  $\text{B}(\text{O-Methyl})_3$ .

the temperature is  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,

the aprotic solvent is THF;

20 and

P is Boc.